

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 220

By Ford

A RESOLUTION to commend Justin Ford for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Justin Ford is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a member of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Ford has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, the son of former County Commissioner and Interim Shelby County Mayor Joe and Cheryl Ford, Justin Ford is a 2002 graduate of White Station High School; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Democrat, he attended the University of Mississippi, majoring in political science, and he graduated from Northwest Mississippi Community College with a degree in funeral service technology; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford is an active business and community leader in Memphis; he is a licensed Funeral Director in the State of Tennessee and he serves with acumen and alacrity as Vice President of the Ford Funeral Homes; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ford was elected to the Shelby County Board of Commissioners in the August 5, 2010, general election to represent District 3 Position 3, the position previously held by Joe Ford; Justin Ford is the youngest commissioner in Shelby County history; and

WHEREAS, on the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Ford serves as Chairman of the Public Works Committee and Vice Chairman of the Community Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, he also serves on several commission Standing Committees, including the Budget & Finance Committee; the Law Enforcement, Fire, Corrections & Courts Committee; the Land Use, Planning, Transportation & Codes Enforcement Committee; the Conservation Committee; and the Core City, Neighborhoods & Housing Committee; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ford is an active and devout member of St. James AME Church in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Justin Ford's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ford is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Justin Ford for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a member of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.